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Lizzy Sheppard / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Provost Mark Becker accepted a Segway key Thursday.

Hydrogen-powered Segways donated

New fuel cell-powered Segways provide example of efficiency

Katie Jones
STAFF WRITER

Cocky's ride on a Segway at the Kentucky game was more than a joy ride to excite students.

Thursday morning, Provost Mark Becker accepted a key to a fuel cell-powered Segway from Hydrogen Hybrid Mobility founder and chemical engineering professor John Weidner at a news conference in West Quad.

Fuel cells, powered by hydrogen, produce energy more efficiently than typical fuel burning.

Becker accepted the Segway on behalf of USC's Horizon Center, a part of the Innovista research district. Another fuel cell-powered Segway was donated to the police department.

"On behalf of President Sorensen and the entire Carolina community, it is an honor to accept this key and the Segway itself

as part of the university," Becker said.

Cocky's Segway ride at the Kentucky game had significance many students may not recognize.

"The significance of the picture of Cocky riding the segway is that the technology was developed and integrated at USC, one of the top five programs in the world for hydrogen and fuel cells," said Neal McLean, executive director of the non-profit EngenuitySC, which promotes entrepreneurship. The Hydrogen Hybrid Mobility integrated the fuel cell into the Segway as part of the Greater Columbia Fuel Cell Challenge.

"We thought, 'Gosh, if we could put a fuel cell on it,' " Weidner said. "We have some practical reasons for that, extending the life of battery so you don't have to recharge the battery as often. You can drive around and excite the community about fuel cells."

Weidner cruised through the West Quad lobby to show how exciting Segways can be.

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Students zip around USC

Scooters provide a quick way to get around campus

Halley Nani
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

On most weekdays, a good number of mopeds and scooters can be seen outside campus buildings like Gambrell Hall and the Russell House.

At any given time of day mopeds are parked outside the Darla Moore School of Business. People use them as a convenient alternative to walking or driving to class.

Moped enthusiasts said easier parking, avoiding traffic and good gas mileage have made them fans.

Brian Wolfe, a first-year business student, is convinced that scooters are valuable vehicles and vital to getting around in college life.

"I crammed all my classes together in a small time period, and my classes are 15 minutes apart, so using my scooter helps me get from place to place very quickly," Wolfe said. "I live off-campus. I used to use the student shuttle, and parked in the Barnwell parking lot, which didn't work out so well."



Sam Bennett / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Mopeds parked on a bike rack outside of the BA building take up space for students.

Wolfe said another benefit to using a moped is saving money.

"The main reason I got it was because of gas mileage," he said. He spends about \$3 a week on gas and doesn't pay insurance, he said. With that, the moped will pay for itself in three to five years,

Wolfe said.

He also has a truck, and said parking it was "a big deal."

"There was never a spot open where you wanted to go, and parking meters were a hassle," he said.

Christian Kata, a fourth-year finance student, cites

similar reasons that led to his decision to purchase a moped.

"Having a scooter is great, because I get 60 miles per gallon and there are rarely any parking spots for cars," Kata said.

VEHICLES • A4

Hilbish nets Mungo prize

Biology professor receives accolades for innovative teaching strategies

Shaana Palmer
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Professor Thomas Hilbish was surprised when he was nominated for the top award for professors at USC, and he said he was even more thrilled when he found out that he had won.

Hilbish, a biology professor, is the Michael J. Mungo Distinguished Professor of the Year.

"There are so many wonderful teachers here," Hilbish said. "To even have been considered for the award was terrific for me."

Hilbish has taught at USC for 22 years and has previously won awards for the creative integration of

undergraduate teaching and research. He was named the South Carolina Honors College Professor of the Year in 1997 and 2001 and has earned the respect of his colleagues as well as students.

"I've known Hilbish since 1985," said David Wethey, who is also a professor in the biology department. "He's always been a very creative and innovative person. Through collaboration, he has helped opened up a whole new area of science research," Wethey said.

As the Mungo award winner this year, Hilbish said he is looking forward to doing even more things for his students.

"I appreciate this award a great deal because it comes from the students," Hilbish said. "Students must nominate the professor and then write letters in support of that nomination. It means a lot to me knowing that so many students appreciate my teaching."

Max Bangs, a third-year biology student, was one of the students who nominated Hilbish.

"A lot of teachers have problems with students falling asleep or not paying attention in class," Bangs said. "But Dr. Hilbish did a good job keeping students interested and alert in intro level classes."

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STEPHEN COLBERT

A South Carolina native, declared his trans-party candidacy for the presidential elections of 2008. Colbert will visit USC's Horseshoe Sunday, Oct. 28th at 9 a.m. Mayor Bob Coble will honor Colbert by naming him "South Carolina's favorite son" and giving him the key to the city. This event is open to the public.



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The Golden Spur game room purchased a Nintendo Wii for students' use to change up the kinds of gaming systems available for play. Here, a student plays Wii Bowling.

Game room adds Wii to activites

Students able to play video game system in Golden Spur for free

Kevin Walker
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Students with wallets too empty or dorm rooms too small to have their own Nintendo Wii can now play the popular system for free in the Golden Spur game room.

The game room, which is located in the basement of Russell House, also has a PlayStation 2, ping pong tables, pool tables and TVs. Last year, the game room

had an Xbox 360 and held regular Madden NFL tournaments, but the Xbox is not there anymore.

"The 360 wasn't ours," said Golden Spur manager David Tsveer. "We only had the 360 for the Madden football tournaments."

For a change of pace from traditional video game systems, the Spur bought a Wii this fall, said Tsveer, a third-year criminal justice student.

"It's much more unique than any of the game systems we've ever had," Tsveer said. "It's something that everyone can play...people are just more fascinated with it, the way the controllers work."

Rather than a traditional controller that only receives input from buttons and a joystick, Wii employs a motion sensor-based approach that is used in conjunction with traditional methods. According to Wii's official Web site at wii.nintendo.com, the creators wanted to "make gaming accessible to people of all ages and all abilities."

The Wii remote or "Wiimote" can be attached to a "nunchuk" for games like boxing. Second-year finance student Devon McGee said the Wii is unique but still fun to play.

"It was really fun," McGee

GAME • A3

Samoff speaks on worldwide education

Stanford professor lectures on benefits of universal knowledge

Crissy Lavery
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Educators should put more effort into bringing education to students across the globe, said Dr. Joel Samoff, a consulting professor of African studies at Stanford University.

Samoff spoke Thursday in Wardlaw Hall to students and professionals about disparity in educational opportunities.

All people have a right to education, Samoff said, quoting from a global conference on education in 1990 that produced "The World Declaration of All." He referred to the conference throughout his speech, titled "Education for All: Still a Distant Dream."

"Everyone agrees education is important, and it's not happening and why not?" Samoff asked.

"Education for All" is a movement sponsored by the United Nations. Samoff said the goals set by the group "remain a dream rather than a realistic proposition."

He said today's education system reaches mostly elites and leaves behind the rest.

Education "is in a



Lizzy Sheppard / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Joel Samoff came to USC to speak about the lack of educational resources in Africa and other third-world regions.

pyramid when it should be a rectangle," he said.

"Education shouldn't be for elites, you want everyone to get to the next level."

Samoff attributed much of the problem in the education system to schools and

teachers being unprepared for students.

Schools ask, "Is the child ready for the next level of school?" when they should ask, "Is the school ready for every child that walks through that door?" he said.

"We shouldn't be asking, 'Why isn't the child learning?' but we should ask, 'Why aren't the educators educating?'"

In the end, all that matters is the children, he said. But actual progress

hasn't matched the goals of the Education for All movement.

There's still a long way to go, he said, though slight progress has been made in improving education quality and paying more attention to

early childhood education.

The "Education for All" goals include expanding early childhood education, free and compulsory primary education and increasing adult literacy.

Samoff said the major education goals are still beyond reach and "although lots of kids get to go to school, most of them don't go very far."

He showed a picture of an African girl with a book bag on her back and fully clothed. She was walking into a building with bullet holes everywhere, and she was carrying a stool to sit on in class because there are no chairs in the building.

"There is not enough money to pay for EFA," Samoff said, and this is why many children around the globe aren't able to get the level of education they should have.

Samoff said the global community should give more money toward education across the world. Americans shouldn't focus only on America, he said.

"I didn't realize EFA means every single person is involved," Nicole Koon-Price, a fourth-year early childhood education student, said. "What Dr. Samoff said is idealistic but not necessarily achievable."

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POW empowers women

New organization discusses domestic violence, ladies' issues

Sierra Kelly
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Columbia's newest organization, Power of Women (POW), aims to empower women starting in January.

The Power of Women is about reconnecting with each other, enjoying each other's company and just having fun, group president Latanya Hall said.

A flyer for the group tells women they need and deserve "some time with our sisters."

Hall said Columbia lacks any kind of similar group, so she decided to start POW to fill a need.

The group will hold its first meeting in January, open to women 18 and older. It will

include speakers on domestic violence and financial planning.

"The first meeting is basically an introductory meeting," Hall said. "I might have a couple of more speakers but the whole thing is about letting the women know who is attending and what the topics are."

Hall said she wants to discuss a "broad horizon" of topics so women will want to go to the meetings.

Hall said starting the organization requires \$1500 to reserve the place for the meetings: a 1,200-seat room at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Hall said people can get involved in a lot of different ways, including membership and donations at the first meeting.

"I want to let women know what we'll be offering, how they will be pampered and from there we also have memberships," Hall said.

"We start at 20 dollars and only 20 dollars a month."

Hall said the goal is to have every woman, no matter what color, to be united and to help a lot of single mothers get to where they need to be.

Kaseem Hall, 29-year-old POW co-leader, said he does the majority of the graphic design and Web design.

He said he put forth ideas that will help as far as fundraising and anything that will help Latanya Hall with empowering women by providing a lot of public relations.

"A lot of men have women in their lives, and I influence them to get involved so they can fully get the word out," Kaseem Hall said. "I take it upon myself to talk to them and let them know what she believes and what she is trying to push. I use word of mouth marketing and advertising."

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A member of Delta Zeta paints a child's face during Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks.

Greeks host trick-or-treat

Children given the opportunity to celebrate Halloween in safe environment

Kathleen Rogers
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Fraternities and sororities teamed up to host Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks last night in the Greek Village.

The annual event is held for the local Boys and Girls

Clubs and provides a safe environment for children to celebrate Halloween.

Games such as the kangaroo hop, prize fishing, pumpkin painting, pie throwing and the mummy wrap were played by over 150 children of the Richland

area. Greek Life also invited children of the USC faculty and staff to enjoy the games and candy.

According to Brenda Livingston of the Boys and Girls Club, most of the children would not have had Halloween celebrations because of their unsafe neighborhoods.

"I think what the Greek organizations at USC are doing is great. This is my first year working with the Boys and Girls Club, and I had no idea anyone did something like this" Livingston said. "It is nice to know the kids have a safe area to trick-or-treat and can interact with students from other schools."

The program started in 2003 and is budgeted through Greek Life every

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The space shuttle Discovery maneuvers around the international space station in orbit.

Shuttle docks with ISS

Women commanders helm Discovery, space station for first time

Marcia Dunn
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL - Astronauts aboard space shuttle Discovery and the international space station joined forces Thursday, linking their ships and kicking off the biggest construction job ever attempted by a single team in orbit.

History was made with the 215-mile-high linkup: It was the first time two female commanders met in space.

Retired Air Force Col. Pamela Melroy steered Discovery in for the docking and was the first to enter the space station. She was embraced by Peggy Whitson, the station's skipper.

Right before the two spacecraft hooked up, Melroy guided Discovery through a backflip so the station crew could photograph the entire shuttle. The pictures were hurriedly beamed down so NASA could determine whether Discovery's belly sustained any launch damage from ice or insulating foam from the fuel tank.

The small patch of ice that shook loose from fuel tank plumbing at the moment of liftoff Tuesday ended up

grazing the fuel-feedline hatch on the bottom of the shuttle. John Shannon, chairman of the mission management team, likened it to an ice cube falling 10 inches and said the hatch was unharmed.

In fact, Shannon said most if not all of the shuttle's thermal shielding looks to be in good shape, including three wing panels that a safety engineering group urged to have replaced before the flight. Further analysis is needed before NASA can say definitively that Discovery suffered no significant launch damage. But unless something new pops up, engineers see no need for additional shuttle inspections.

Earlier in the day, laughter and shouts of "How you doing?" filled the space station as the seven shuttle astronauts floated in one after the other and greeted the three station occupants.

"Hey watch out now, don't be messing up my walls," joked station resident Clayton Anderson.

A half-hour later, Anderson relinquished his space station position to Daniel Tani, who will spend the next two months there. "I have to send out my 'I have moved' card," Tani radioed to Mission Control.

"He's behind already one month in rent," said Anderson, who moved into the space station in June.

Discovery will bring him home.

The first of a record-tying five spacewalks is set for Friday.

Astronauts Scott Parazynski and Douglas Wheelock will be outside as a bus-sized compartment named Harmony is unloaded from Discovery's payload bay and linked to the space station by the station's robot arm.

Harmony, which was made in Italy, will serve as the docking port for the European and Japanese laboratories that will be delivered on the next three shuttle flights.

The two spacewalkers will remove a broken antenna from the station and pack it aboard Discovery for the ride back, and prepare a space station girder for relocation later in the flight.

Moving that girder will be like a ballet, Shannon said. "It's very tough," he said.

Given all the construction on this mission, "We are extremely lucky that we have a vehicle that is in such incredible shape," Shannon said.

Melroy, 46, earned praise from Mission Control for her precise parking at the space station. She is only the second woman to command a shuttle.

Whitson, 47, a biochemist, is the first woman to command a space station.

Weekend Preview

HalloWonka

Today, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

The fourth annual HalloWonka is at EdVenture Children's Museum. For this event, the museum will be turned into Willy Wonka's chocolate factory for the night with games, trivia, relays, activities and the "Candy Sculpture" contest where all sculptures must be made entirely of Willy Wonka candy.

Admission: Everyone \$6.50

For more information, visit www.edventure.org or call (803) 779-3100.

"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"

Today and Tomorrow, 8 p.m.

The High Voltage theatre presents Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" at West Columbia Riverwalk Amphitheatre.

Admission: Adults \$12 and Children 12 and under \$7

For more information, visit www.headlessborsemanriver.com or call (803) 754-5244.

Boo at the Zoo

Today - Oct. 30, 6 - 9 p.m.

This fifth annual event is at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden. There will be a hay maze and a moonlight stroll for adults. As for the kids, they can dress up in their costumes for a dance party, trick-or-treating and costume wearing.

Admission: Adults \$9.75, Seniors \$8.25 & Children \$7.25

For more information, visit www.riverbanks.org/events/boo.shtml or call (803) 779-8717.

DJ Spooky Guest Artist Lecture

Today, 2:30 p.m.

The Lecture will take place at USC's School of



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Music Recital Hall, Room 206. Paul D. Miller is the speaker from New York. He is an artist, writer and musician with volumes of music.

Admission: Free

For more information, visit www.music.sc.edu or call (803) 777-4280.

Historic Hauntings

Today and tomorrow, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

There will be a tour of Elmwood Cemetery and tales of Columbians "long-since passed."

Admission: Tickets are \$10 for adults, and for children/students 6-18, tickets are \$5.

For more information visit www.historiccolumbia.org or call (803) 252-7742 ext. 29.

"Monster Bash"

Tomorrow

Carolina Ballet will perform a ballet at the Columbia Music Festival Association.

For more information, visit www.carolinaballet.net or call (803) 771-6303.

Halloween Festival

Tomorrow, 3 p.m.

There will be several activities, stories and crafts celebrating Halloween at the Richland County

Library, Northeast Regional Branch.

For more information, visit www.myRCPL.com or call (803) 736-6575.

Halloween Cookout and Paddle to Graveyard Island

Tomorrow at 2 p.m.

This event will take place at Adventure Carolina for cooking out, kayaking and canoeing. Costumes are welcome.

Rentals: \$35 canoe, \$40 kayak (both include meal).

For more information, visit www.AdventureCarolina.com or call (803) 796-4505.

Tricks & Treats at the State Museum II

Tomorrow, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The S.C. State Museum will celebrate its 19th birthday and Halloween. There will be games, magic tricks, face-painting, crafts, storytelling and "haunted" galleries.

Admission: Wear a costume and receive \$1 off regular museum admission.

For more information, visit www.museum.state.sc.us or call (803) 898-4952.

-From Staff Reports

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said. "It's really hard to pick up on at first, because it's different system."

"Madden 08 was fun, and I want to play Tiger Woods," he said. "I think it would be a real cool game to play, motion-activated style."

Sarah Shahrezaei, a first-year fashion merchandising student, said she likes that Wii games get the players

off the couch.

"I like that it's interactive. I get really into it," Shahrezaei said. "My favorite game to play is Wii Sports, especially tennis. It's really cool that it's free too."

Tsveer said that in the near future there will be Wii Sports tournaments held in the Golden Spur Game Room.

"Every now and then we'll have a different Wii Tournament," Tsveer said.

"The next one coming up is the Wii Bowling Invitational. It's going to be an inaugural thing."

The invitational entry fee will be \$2, which can be paid with Carolina Cash. Tsveer said sign up sheets for the event will appear soon around Russell House and in the Golden Spur.

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“And everyone liked him,” Bangs said.

Pam Brannock, a fourth-year graduate student, said Hilbish has been a guide for her both inside and outside of school.

“The amount of knowledge he has is absolutely amazing,” Brannock said. “He’s been a mentor in not just science, but in general. He helped shape who I am as a teacher.”

In addition to his students, Hilbish said one of his favorite things about the school is its reputation of providing students with programs outside of school to help them excel.

“They benefit enormously from education outside of the classroom, especially in the sciences that includes opportunities to conduct laboratory or field based research,” Hilbish said.

Hilbish said he enjoys helping undergraduate students who come and conduct research in his laboratory.

He said he sets high standards for his students because he cares a great deal about them learning as much as they can.

“I start off being hard, only because I want them to come in doing their best,” Hilbish said. “But in the end, they can walk away wanting to be curious about the natural world and thinking



Merideth Pettit / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Prof. Thomas Hilbish sets high standards for his students.

about it from a scientific perspective,” he said.

Hilbish said that as the Mungo award winner, he finds himself having much more work to do. “I have to deliver the convocation address, speak at other meetings and serve on the

Mungo award committee for next year.

“So, I get loaded with more work to do,” he said. “But it’s all good stuff.”

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year.

“We provide the candy, but it is up to the fraternities and sororities to actively participate,” Rachel Edington said, the graduate assistant of Greek Life.

Greek Life pairs different sororities and fraternities together each year to get everyone involved and give them the chance to meet other Greeks who are looking to make a difference.

Randan Swindler, a third-year English student and member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, works on the Greek Programming Board. She said she is impressed with the involvement and effort of all the fraternities and sororities.

Students dressed up as Winnie the Pooh, Pirates of the Caribbean, ladybugs, and many other costumes that were appropriate for children.

“We are doing a positive

thing and I am proud to be a part of Greek Life, despite the stereotypes we face. Plus the kids are so excited to be here,” Caitlin Hunt, a second-year electronic journalism student and member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, said.

After an hour of games and prizes, the kids walk from house-to-house in the Greek Village to trick-or-treat.

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Bush, Graham campaign

President to appear at S.C. senator’s re-election fundraiser

Jim Davenport
The Associated Press



Willis Glasgow / The Associated Press

Sen. Graham and President Bush greet the public.

President Bush will help launch Sen. Lindsey Graham’s formal re-election bid with a fundraiser next week.

A copy of the invitation obtained by The Associated Press said those giving or raising \$10,000 will get a photo opportunity with the two Republicans and access to a VIP reception at a private Columbia residence Nov. 2. The lowest level to contribute and attend is \$250.

A White House spokesman could not immediately confirm the plans and Graham’s campaign would not discuss the invitation.

Graham, who is seeking a second term, already is far ahead of his challengers in raising money for the 2008 primary and general election. At least two political

newcomers have said they will challenge Graham in a primary. Democrats have not announced a candidate, but the party has said it expects to have one.

Earlier this month, Graham reported raising \$472,000 during the third quarter and had \$4.2 million on hand. He also disclosed that \$215,000 was missing from campaign accounts and a former campaign aide was under investigation.

Graham and Republican White House hopeful Sen. John McCain have played key roles in pushing illegal immigration proposals that

Bush wanted, however, the president’s plans sharply divided Republicans and ultimately failed.

Graham and McCain are still feeling the backlash.

On Thursday, a group wanting tougher illegal immigration laws said it would begin airing ads denouncing Graham on two radio stations during Rush Limbaugh’s program. The ad will air three to six times a day for at least a week, according to the group’s executive director, Roan Garcia-Quintana. He would not say how much money was being spent on the ads.

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Kata still uses his car, but not to get around campus.

“Using a car to get to class just was not very convenient,” Kata said.

Mopeds can reach speeds of 35 miles an hour, slow enough to annoy car drivers but fast enough to scare pedestrians.

Wolfe said he rides his moped on sidewalks sometimes and on the Horseshoe, but he also said that he goes the same speed as students, who are walking, so he doesn’t hurt anyone.

Kata thinks that cars are more dangerous than

mopeds like his.

“I find that people riding around in cars are far more dangerous because cars can cause more damage than scooters,” he said.

A USC police officer said he couldn’t talk about any moped accidents, and repeated calls to parking services were not returned.

Some students said that they would consider buying scooters for convenience or aesthetic reasons.

“I like the sporty ones, and if I lived in a larger city, I think they would be easy to use,” said Katie Otterbein, a fourth-year history student.

“Plus, I think they’re pretty safe.”

Others think scooters aren’t necessary and have become a nuisance.

“I would not use one,” said Jennings Paris, a fifth-year African American studies and criminal justice student. “Five points is a five-minute walk for me, and you can get anywhere on campus within five minutes.”

“I would just prefer a car instead,” Paris said.

He said moped users who ride on sidewalks are “obnoxious” and “should be banned from riding on the sidewalk” on College Street.

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IN OUR OPINION

Scooters could be new tomorrow for travel

English comedian Eddie Izzard once characterized Italians as all driving around on motor scooters, hair flying in the wind, waving at passers-by.

It would appear that USC students are increasingly subscribing to this method of transportation.

While naysayers might dismiss scooters as not masculine, too European or otherwise silly-looking, the fact is, with rising gas prices, a lack of parking spaces and an ever-expanding campus, scooters might be the way of the future in student transportation.

Some new four-stroke scooters cost less than \$2,000 and get three or four times the gas mileage of a mid-size sedan, sometimes as much as 100 miles per gallon.

It's becoming more and more common to see scooters parked at the bicycle racks outside Russell House or West Quad, and the fact that they can fit in a parking space makes them practical for travel across campus.

If you live off campus and drive to school, you might have to park at Senate or Pendleton Street garages and walk from there to your class. Scooter drivers don't have that problem.

If you take safety into consideration, like wearing a helmet and staying off the highway, a scooter might be a cheaper, cleaner, easier alternative to driving if you're looking to make a short commute easier.

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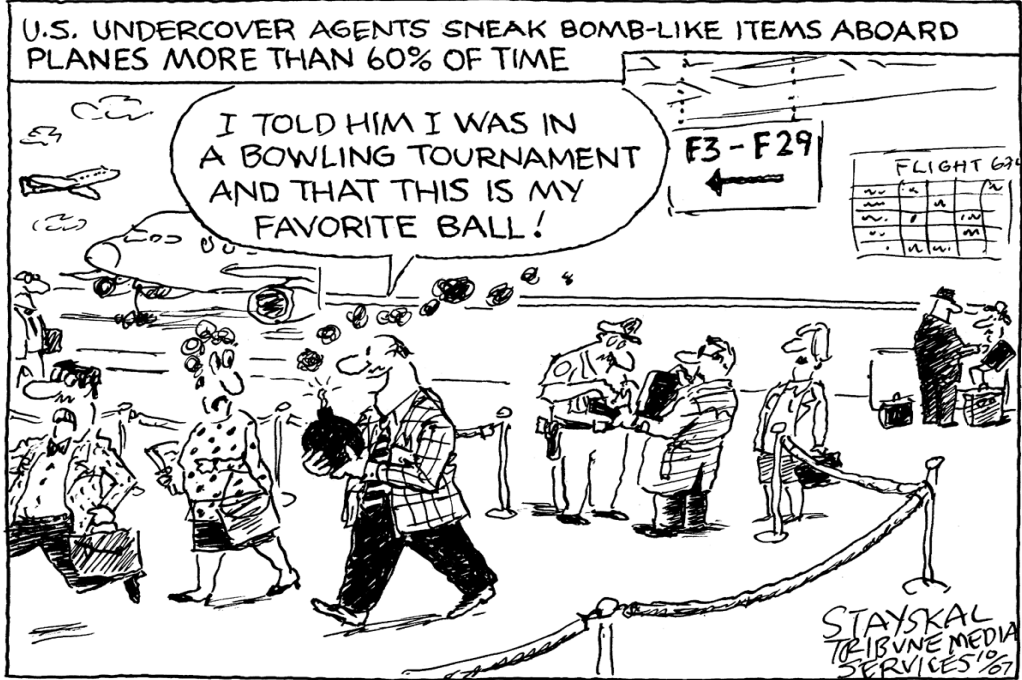
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THE LIBERAL FOUNTAIN

Size zero not much better than obesity

Anorexia still big problem for girls worldwide; small jeans not healthy either

There was a girl walking away from the BA. As she walked, I saw the bones in her legs move under skin that appeared to have been stretched out thinly. This is what anorexia looks like.

According to the Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders, Inc. Web site, about one in 100 girls between the ages of 10 and 20 suffer and die from the disease. This is an outrageous number.

On the other hand, the fact that childhood obesity is an epidemic is just as outrageous. These extreme health issues in this country are caused by feeding extreme wants instead of nutritional needs.

What could cause girls to want to starve themselves and ultimately kill themselves?

The media is a large part of this. On popular television shows you rarely see a woman who doesn't wear size zero jeans and a small shirt. They bombard children with images of beauty and glamour, and then wonder why they strive to be super thin.

The Miss America

Beauty Pageant is one extreme example of this phenomenon.



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America has never had a chubby, or slightly big beauty queen, it's always been someone who was tall and thin. Shows such as VH1's Celebrity Fit Club and America's Next Top Model are shows that tell contestants they are fat and need to slim down. They even offer prizes for losing weight.

In a country where childhood obesity is a growing epidemic, maybe the problem isn't so much how the media portrays beauty, but how the common person looks at food.

Food is something that bonds people, keeps them happy and helps them socialize.

Dinner time is full of fatty foods for most college students and not enough vegetables. Parents rarely cook on a daily basis for their kids. Instead, they buy them something greasy and filling that has no nutritional value.

Then they wonder why their children are overweight and have childhood diabetes by the age of 12. They wonder why their 14-year-old daughter who has always been a little chubby suddenly hates herself and wants to look like Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie.

It's because bad eating habits and bad body-type role models are going to equal horrible self-images and false images of what beauty is.

A size zero is not healthy; it is deadly unless you are 12, and it is dangerous not only to your heart and hair, but also your bones.

A size 20 is not healthy, it will lead to the same problems that being a size zero will.

The key to stopping this epidemic before it reaches too far is revamping the media and reintroducing the food pyramid. Give every five year old a triangle and put smiley faces next the vegetables and fruits, give them a sticker every time they eat one.

It will probably help them feel better about themselves in the short term, and save them from health problems in the long run.

U.S. politics corrupted by 'morality' in 2008 race

Policies, not religion should be deciding factor for votes in presidential election

Once upon a time, a voting bloc called the "moral majority" overwhelmed American



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politics. Carter lost to Reagan, Congress flipped to the hijacked Republicans and religion re-asserted itself as a primary concern of voters.

Today, a similar meaning is meant by the term "values voters."

Is it a value to only support white, Christian men in Congress (or occasionally a woman, but God forbid we be "ready" for a female president)? Newsweek reports that if Rudy Giuliani wins the GOP's nomination, a Christian-geared third party will sprout up.

We can only hope. If an official "Christian Party" forms, can Democrats and Republicans just argue policies instead of catering to one of the most arbitrary biases in political history?

John F. Kennedy's campaign was practically scandalous because he was Catholic and not Protestant — somehow, America scraped by without swearing allegiance to the Pope.

This meaningless litmus test continues in today's campaigns. Candidates have a prepared, Anglo-Saxon response to the question of their religion: "Yes, I pray to and worship the Lord Jesus Christ, the one true redeemer of mankind on earth, amen."

How about redeeming political clout by aiding the currently un-redeemed masses?

I don't care if the next president is a Satanist, much less a Mormon (stay strong, Romney!); if he or she can resolve world disputes and increase upward social mobility in America, they've got my vote.

Religious qualifications aside, the necessary values in prospective presidents should be apparent. The legal ability of any American-born citizen to become President is also a challenge to the public to comb through its ranks and produce its best candidates.

As I see it, political parties should have to compete against "home-grown" candidates in the primaries, if for no other reason than to run alongside measuring sticks for what an American with real values looks like.

What is most important is that future presidents get elected based on compatibility with voters' personal values and not affiliations.

When candidates' actions and records are as scrutinized as their lapel pins and neckties, their real fiber will either unravel or reveal a person of character (if America's "ready for it").

Usefulness in office is a value we should all uphold.

IN YOUR OPINION

Students have an obligation to throw away cigarette butts

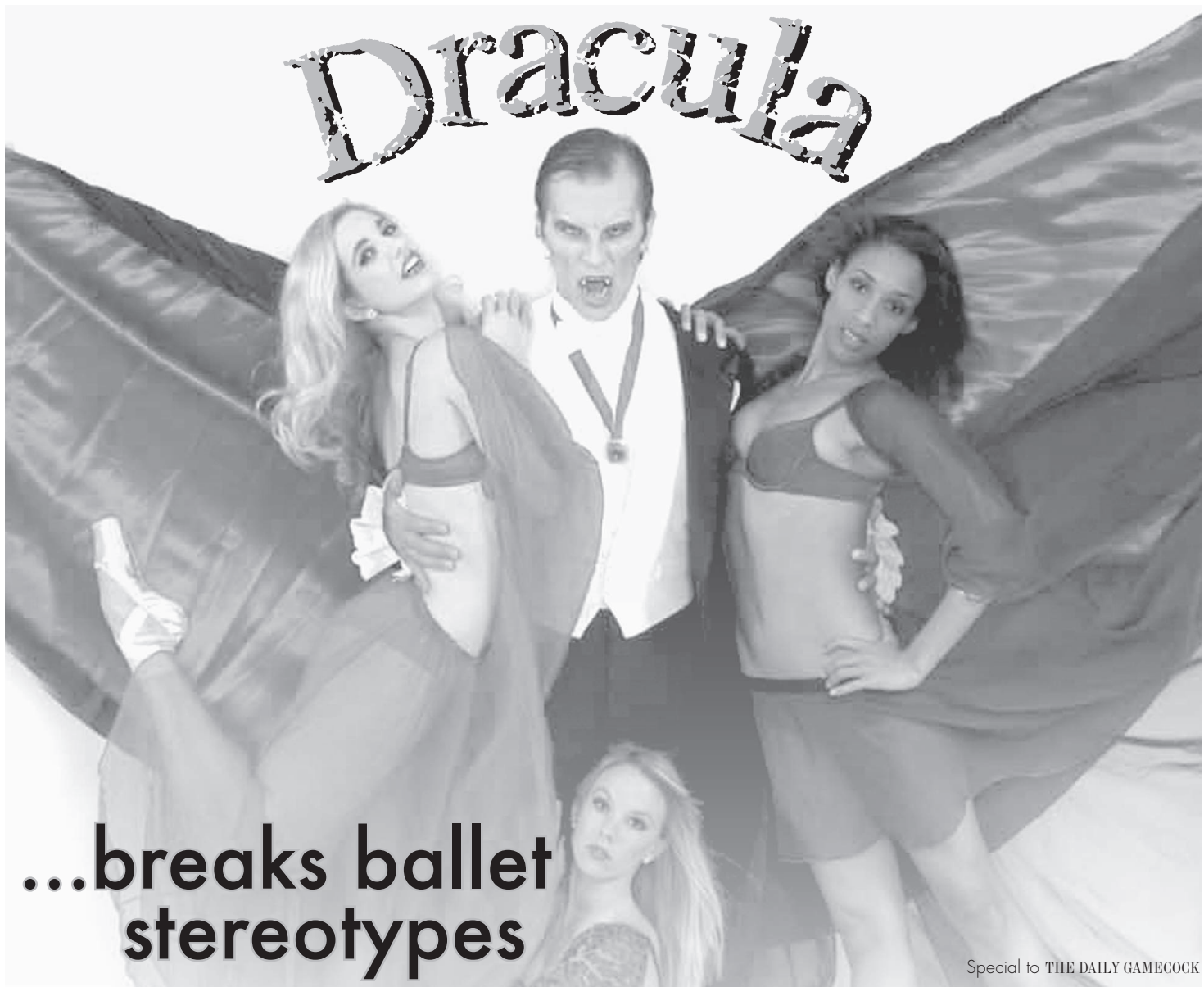
With the fairly recent change to the cigarette smoking policy on campus, smokers like myself have found it hard to put out our cigarettes in ash trays, simply because there are far fewer now than there were. The alternative — throw it on the ground. That'll show 'em. The argument is that cigarette butts are biodegradable. And that's true, but only practical to geologists (what's a couple hundred years?). Yet, there are still the noble few among us who feel the need to throw the butt away properly. That usually requires putting the cigarette out

on the steel structure around a garbage can and then throwing the still-smoking butt into it. I imagine a trash can set aflame would go a long way in getting cigarette smoking removed from campus completely, but I'll take that risk. I know smokers who twirl out the burning tobacco leftovers of a smoke onto the ground and pocket the butt, to be disposed of later. I am not aware of anyone in sandals accidentally stepping on this still-smoking pile of tobacco shreds, but wouldn't you like to be the first? When it comes down to whether or not to toss a cigarette butt onto the ground for me, I simply look down and think "If I see a butt already there, then

what's one more?" This decision is becoming increasingly easier for me, since cigarette butts are appearing in greater numbers on the campus grounds. With the recent high profile vandalism, the importance of keeping our campus beautiful has new emphasis. Yet, it is hard for a smoker to take pride in a school that has taken away many of their liberties and is threatening to take even more. Left with no recourse, smokers are more likely to simply throw their butts on the ground than in a garbage can. Why? 'Cause that'll show 'em.

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Dracula: Ballet with a Bite

IF YOU GO:
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Saturday at 5 and 8 p.m.

Edward Pharr
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Halloween is at hand; let the bone-chilling, nightmare-inducing, blood-drenched festivities begin. Ballet may not typically be among the first to come to mind, but this year it's going to be one of the best ways to get into the spirit of things. "Dracula: Ballet with a Bite," the classic story retold through dance, music and jaw-dropping stage effects, is going to be performed tonight and tomorrow night at the Koger Center.

Dance Magazine called it an "extravaganza that guarantees (the) audience a good time."

The ballet was conceived and choreographed by William Starrett, the executive and artistic director of the Columbia City Ballet. Starrett has been affiliated with the Columbia City Ballet for 30 years. He originally joined the group as a dancer, and this is his 21st year as the artistic director.

When asked about the inspiration for the ballet, Starrett pointed to the fact that "Bram Stoker's Dracula" is

such a great story. Starrett originally created the ballet in 1991 along with Thomas Semanski, who composed and arranged the music, and Robert Kemsley. The ballet features both classical and techno music. "I wanted it to seem really current," said Starrett. The music has been updated twice to that end, once in the late 90s and again in 2004.

"('Dracula') breaks the stereotypical opinion on what ballet is. It's evolved theatrical dance, and it's important that people realize that it's not just girls running around in frilly white costumes. It's really a very expressive art form dealing with current topics as well as celebrating the old classics," said Starrett. "It's definitely the adult thing to do at Halloween time. It's not for children, it's kind of steamy."

"Dracula" has lots of impressive effects to accompany the fantastic dancing, including music in surround sound, strobe lights, flying bats, people appearing through walls, coffins, gates that open and close of their own accord and stake impaled hearts that gush and spurt blood. Starrett said that in that regard, "It's your typical Halloween fare."

Starrett said that he stayed true to Stoker's original thriller as much as possible, but he adapted it in places to fit its new format as a ballet and to work scene by scene. He also introduced a new character, Victoria, the daughter

of Jonathan Harker and Mina. Victoria is kidnapped by Dracula, a device Starrett used to show the evil of the Count directly.

One of the highlights and Starrett's personal favorite parts of the ballet are Lucy's frenzied indoctrination by the undead into their turbulent world after she is bitten by Dracula. Another is the subsequent touching scene in which Dr. Van Helsing and Lucy's fiancé, Arthur, discover her in the graveyard, and Arthur gently lifts her up and takes her home.

According to Starrett, "Dracula" is a great ballet to bring out of town guests to, and it's a great ballet to attend if you've never seen one before because it is very clear, exciting and easy to understand what's going on.

He also went on to say that, "If you haven't discovered the Columbia City Ballet, then this is a good chance. People can't believe that this kind of production is a product of Columbia."

"Dracula: Ballet with a Bite" is the perfect event to attend before Halloween parties. Attendees are encouraged to wear costumes, particularly to the 8:30 p.m. Saturday show, at which prizes will be awarded for the best costume.

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Students lead makeup campaign

USC plays part in pilot program by Mark cosmetics to target campus market

Justin Linne
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Three students have been chosen to head up a major marketing campaign for Mark cosmetic products. Harriette Smith, third-year public relations student, Rachel White, third-year advertising student and Katelyn Benham, third-year business student, were selected from a pool of hundreds.

Smith said that this is the first ever student led marketing campaign and only four universities in the nation were selected. Their job is to generate brand awareness for Mark, manage 30 girls in their network and hold events around campus.

"It is a big deal that USC was chosen for this pilot program," Smith said. "It gives us an opportunity for hands-on experience while still in school, an opportunity few will have."

The three managers were responsible for creating a network of 10 girls each to work under them. Criteria on which the girls were chosen dealt with campus involvement and leaders in their organizations. They are fashion-forward girls and know what trends are in and what is coming up. Also their

major, either communications or fashion merchandising, plays a part in selection because they can apply things they have learned in class. The chosen girls were the most motivated and dedicated.

"We wanted to find girls that had an interest in this," said Smith. "When you have an interest in what you are doing and enjoy it, it makes the job easier and more meaningful."

On campus, the three have decided to target women's organizations on campus, such as sororities, the nurse's association and other organizations that are female based.

So far the girls have been flown to New York where they received makeup training from celebrity artists. Smith said they continue to develop connections with top beauty executives.

"I have gained so much leadership and fashion experience which is priceless," Smith said. "Plus, this will really stand out on a resume

because it is not your regular work experience. Hopefully this can help me break into the fashion industry when I graduate."

The team is competing with three other schools for top sales and best marketing strategies. The winning school will be flown out to California where they will meet Lauren Conrad, star of the MTV show "The Hills" and the new face of Mark. The program ends December 17 and the winner will take their trip in January or February.

Campus events are being held to promote the brand. Tomorrow, celebrity makeup artist Lisa Trnka, will be on campus to lecture about makeup artistry 101, natural beauty and pro artist trade secrets. The lecture is open to the public and all attendees will receive free full sized mark products. The event is from noon to 5 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble Starbucks.

Other campus events include midterm de-stress events Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featured at this event will be Mark's Self Sanctuary aromatherapy products. Also different products will be on sale and students who purchase will receive a free professional makeup brush.

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Monotony 'hides inside' new disc

Sons of William album disappoints with boring, unoriginal rock sound

While southern rockers Sons of William's full-length debut "What Hides Inside" has plenty to offer, what's inside isn't always captivating.

The Louisiana-based pop group, headed by brothers Joe Stark on guitar and David Stark on drums and rounded out by bassist Jen Janet, deliver an all-around digestible album but the songs, while musically interesting, feel empty and soulless. The band is named after the brothers' father William who gave them their first musical education and is an inspiration in their lives.

The band opens up the debut with the modern rock and pop-based track "Message." The guitar jumps and shakes about like it is in an unprofessional teenage rock outfit while Stark's vocals drone on in a mind numbing fashion.

The lack of professionalism on guitar is surprising in the fact that Stark sees himself as a hired gun on the guitar, being offered positions to back up artists such as Avril Lavigne, Marc Broussard and Will Hoge.

While their songs are danceable and listenable in a popular rock world, there is nothing to grab hold of the senses and make them take notice. While listening it feels as if these are old songs being brought up from the musical cellar for dusting.

The group mixes down home southern influences with a pop sensibility. They sway away from the gritty aspect of many southern artists like the classic The Allman Brothers Band and the down and dirty New Orleans native Dr. John swing more towards a

mellow but distinctly pop/rock sound.

The next track, "Darkest Secret," actually shows some progression from the opening. The opening guitar rings true to the ears and makes the listener want to listen to the dark and brooding number.

Janet provides back up vocals on the chorus, which fleshes out the song and gives it more definition. Her soulful voice provides an interesting contrast to Stark's monotone vocal range.

Their influences, which range from The Beatles to Marc Broussard, can be heard in the style and playing of the group as a whole.

The track "Easy to Love" has a piano intro that sounds conspicuously like The Beatles classic number "Let It Be." In addition to the song, throughout the album the band employs the upbeat pop style of the classic group.

But in this day and age every group has been influenced by The Beatles even if they don't particularly like or enjoy them.

Another track on the album, "Lucifer Hands," pushes the intensity up while still keeping the pop mentality that runs through the veins of the album.

The brothers catch the attention of the musical mind by providing an interesting contrast to the other songs on the album.

Other songs on the album such as "Dreaming" and "Count On Me" show the softer side of the group as a whole. But this laid back notion in the songs doesn't always help them succeed. The songs feel reused and boring as a whole with only a few moments of hope in the musicianship.

While Sons of William should not be immediately brushed off the musical palate for a lack of creativity, the group needs to work on its sound and its ability to write songs that hold on to the senses.



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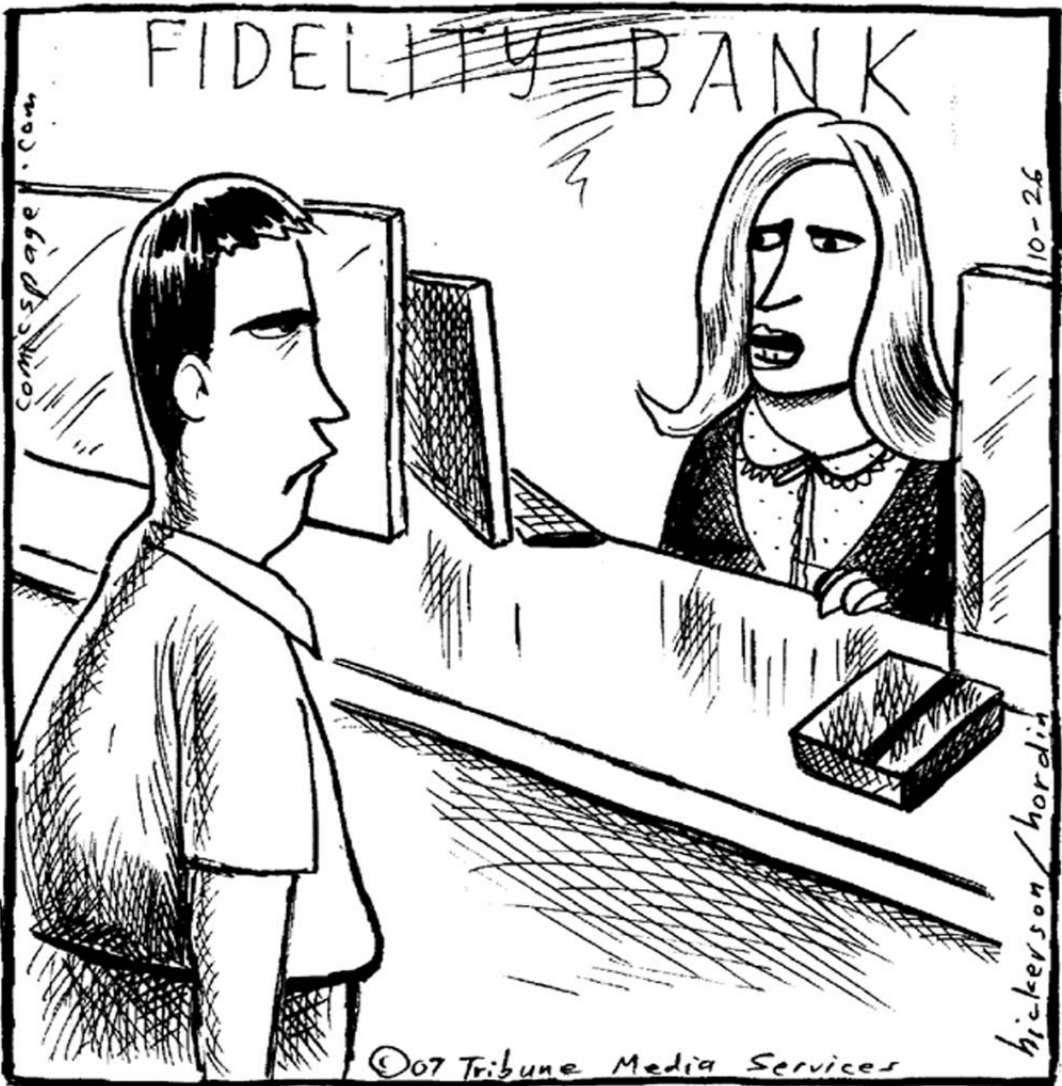
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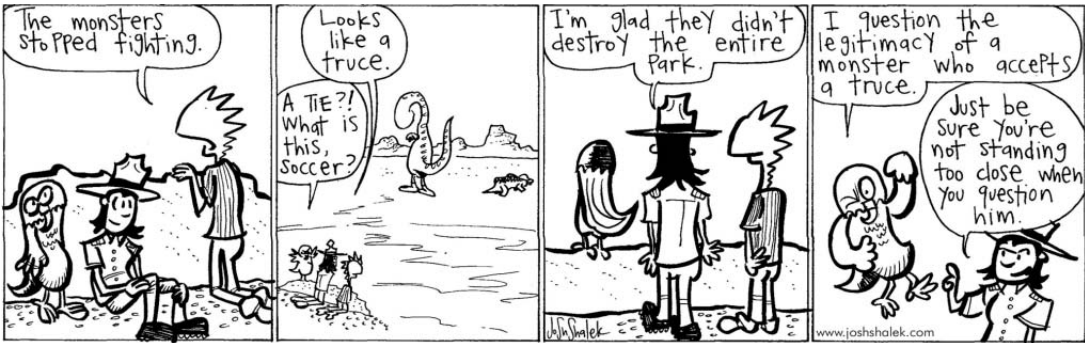
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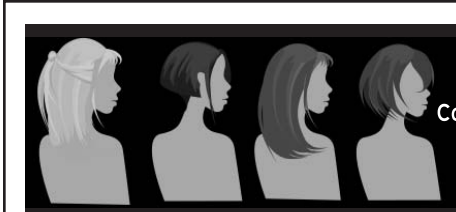
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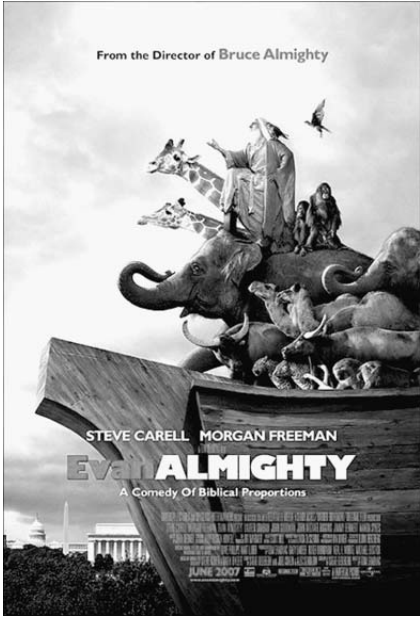
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Taurus Today is a lovely day for a swim. Or a tonsillectomy.

Gemini The weather today will involve temperature and a percentage chance of rain.

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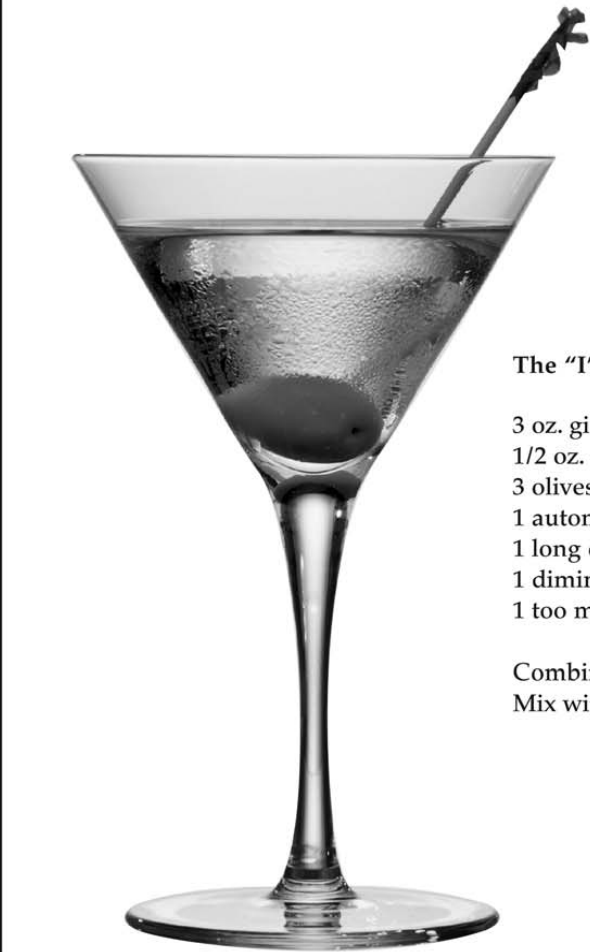


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Three of a Kind

*Sixth-year senior, fast-rising sophomore, standout freshman
band together to support USC passing game while
wide receivers struggle through season*

Michael Aguilar
STAFF WRITER

Last Saturday afternoon USC coach Steve Spurrier had plenty of reasons to be yelling. On one play in particular, he glanced at his offense just in time to see something that he did not expect.

"Weslye Saunders!" Spurrier yelled as he paced the sidelines, "I thought Weslye was supposed to be in the game!"

The freshman tight end had missed the personnel switch on the play call and left senior tight end Andy Boyd stranded in the huddle on a crucial pass play on South Carolina's first drive of the day with more than one first down.

One Boyd reception and 26 yards later, Spurrier had something else to yell about. Redshirt freshman quarterback Chris Smelley connected with the 6-foot-4-inch, 267 pounder when Boyd found an open space in the defense, moving the Gamecocks inside the opponent's red zone for the first time of the day.

The Carolina football team has a unique problem. It has too many tight ends. Saunders and Boyd only make up two-thirds of this problem. Sophomore Jared Cook makes up the last third. These three players each serve a different purpose for the Gamecocks and the three combined are

contributing to the offense in too many ways to measure.

"Everybody brings a little something to the table," Saunders said. "Andy with the blocking, Jared with the route running and the catching and I guess me, with a little bit of both. We have guys (bring) different punches to the table, you can't help but play them and they can't help but have an impact on the team."

At times these versatile talents can end up causing problems for themselves. In Saturday's game, Boyd was not even supposed to be on the field for his reception.

"Sometimes the wrong signal or the wrong personnel is in," Boyd said. "That's our job though, to know every aspect. Obviously they're not going to use me directly for a lot of the stretch plays that they use Jared (Cook) or Weslye (Saunders) for. My thing is, I need to know for situations just like that if I get stuck in there."

It was especially strange to see Boyd, out of any skill player on the team, catching a pass downfield. Boyd is a sixth-year senior and for his career has amassed only 10 catches, six of them coming this season.

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This week's preview: South Carolina vs. Tennessee

Offensive line still seeks solid play

Front five take center stage as Gamecocks battle Volunteers

Hunter Roach
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

USC coach Steve Spurrier has been worried about the Gamecock offense all season, and his nightmare came true last Saturday against Vanderbilt.

The offense struggled horribly against Vanderbilt by repeatedly shooting itself in the foot with penalties, dropped passes, big losses and inconsistent play.

“Of course it’s frustrating to call a play that looks pretty good, have Kenny McKinley run a beautiful corner route and the ball is five yards under thrown,” Spurrier said. “Sometimes protection breaks out. But anyway, it is what it is.”

But the Gamecocks don’t get much time to sulk as they head into Neyland Stadium in Knoxville needing a win against a Jekyll and Hyde Tennessee team.

The good news for Gamecock fans is that last week Tennessee looked much more like the mild-mannered Dr. Jekyll than the animalistic Mr. Hyde as Alabama aired the Volunteer defense out 41-17.

Crimson Tide quarterback John Parker Wilson feasted on the Vols’ young secondary, throwing for 363 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions. Tennessee was unable to get pressure on Wilson, and he was able to find D.J. Hall 13 times for 185 yards. Tide running back Terry Grant also eclipsed the 100-yard mark with 104 yards rushing.

All of this bodes well for a USC offense that is looking to get on track right in the heart of its SEC schedule. However, the fate of the game rests on the broad shoulders of the men battling it out in the trenches.

It is a relatively simple concept that a quarterback, whoever it may be, cannot

successfully complete passes without time in the pocket, and running backs cannot run without holes in the defense. Football is the ultimate team sport, because each player has to do his job on every play for it to be successful. The burden begins with the linemen.

The play of the USC offensive line will be critical in this game. If the big fellas up front, led by senior center William Brown, can step up and take on Xavier Mitchell and the rest of the Vols, look for the Gamecocks to get into a rhythm on offense early. Brown, the center, is like the quarterback of the offensive line, and his play will be imperative. Brown’s senior leadership will be even more important coming off a tough loss to Vanderbilt.

Tennessee watched a lot of film of the Gamecocks loss to Vanderbilt, in which the Commodores held the Carolina offense under 200 yards. The Commodores were able to do so by putting pressure on the Gamecock offense and forcing mistakes. Vandy brought blitzes and threw multiple looks at USC, all the while double-covering Kenny McKinley. You can expect more of the same from Tennessee on Saturday at Neyland.

Penalties and sacks kept the Gamecocks searching for ways to pick up large chunks of yardage. The offense had very few manageable first down opportunities.

“They were just getting run over. It just appeared like a lackadaisical effort on the part of our offense,” Spurrier said.

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Collapsing the Vols’ pocket

Defense looks to pressure Ainge, spur South Carolina to victory

Kevin Walker
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Carolina Gamecocks (6-2, 3-2 SEC) head to Knoxville, Tenn. Saturday to take on the Tennessee Volunteers (4-3, 2-2 SEC), and look to rebound from a deflating loss to Vanderbilt at home.

The Gamecocks will take with them the best pass defense in the SEC, giving up only 145.9 yards per game through the air. Carolina also boasts the second-best scoring defense in the conference, giving up an average of 16.6 points per game. USC’s defense will need to live up to those stats on the road at Neyland Stadium to give the struggling offense a chance to show what they are capable of.

To do that, they will need to find a way to stop Tennessee’s quarterback, Erik Ainge.

Through the first seven games, Ainge, a senior out of Hillsboro, Ore., has passed for 1,797 yards and 13 touchdowns. On average, Tennessee’s passing attack has produced 268.9 yards per game, good for second in the SEC. Ainge also has completed nearly 67 percent of his passes this season, while only throwing four interceptions.

In March of this year, Ainge tore his meniscus while lifting weights. Already a pocket passer, the injury to his knee further hampered his mobility and ability to escape the pocket.

However, thus far, Ainge has only been sacked once all season in the Vols’ opening loss at California.

Given the opportunity, Ainge will surgically pick apart USC’s defense, as he is known to do when he has time. The Gamecocks’ defensive line will be led

by sophomore standout Eric Norwood. Norwood (46 total tackles, five sacks) and the rest of the line must take advantage of Ainge’s limited mobility, collapse the pocket and not allow him to have time to get in rhythm with his receivers.

“Tennessee is a very good team. They’ve looked very good at times and not so good at times. They’ve lost to three good teams: Florida, Alabama and California. They clobbered Georgia when they came in,” USC coach Steve Spurrier said. “They’re a team that’s always pretty good. They have outstanding players at just about all the positions and are well-coached.”

If the D-Line can get to the opponent’s quarterback, recent history may side with Carolina.

This season, in games which the opponent’s quarterback was considered a pocket passer, rather than an option or running quarterback, the Gamecocks have a record of 5-1. The one loss came at LSU against Matt Flynn, who was only sacked once.

Ryan Perrilloux, a “dual-threat” quarterback was inserted as a change of pace to Flynn, and it worked. Perrilloux finished the game with 59 rushing yards, leading the Tigers to the win.

If the defensive line can keep Ainge out of rhythm with the rest of Tennessee’s playmakers on offense, the game can be kept close, if not won by USC.

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Offensive *The Daily Gamecock breaks down the key matchups on both sides* **Defensive**

Seaver Brown



Xavier Mitchell



Erik Ainge



Eric Norwood



Top 25 preps for another shake-up

Matchups between nation's best ranked teams should go long way in determining worthy championship participants in season of upsets

Kyle Kemp
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Last week, college football went through yet another weekend filled with upheaval that saw three more top 10 teams fall to unranked opponents. This week, close conference races will start to sort out with some key top 25 games.

10. No. 15 Virginia at North Carolina State (4:30 P.M., ESPN2)

Virginia has reeled off seven straight victories, including wins in their first four ACC games. The Cavaliers' hot conference start has them perched atop the ACC Coastal division along with

Virginia 20, N.C. State 16

9. No. 9 Kansas at Texas A&M (7:00 P.M., ESPN2)

The No. 12 Jayhawks are the lone undefeated team in the Big 12 and currently lead the Big 12 North. This week, Kansas will travel to College Station to play Texas A&M, who finds themselves in a three-way tie for first in the Big 12 South.

The leading factor in this game will be the Jayhawk defense. Kansas is allowing just over 10 points per game, and is an impressive second best in the nation. Texas A&M quarterback Stephen McGee has struggled to be consistent this year, and will continue to have problems against a solid Jayhawk

and competitive losses at South Carolina and Tennessee.

Andre Woodson is still a frontrunner in the Heisman race, but he may have a tough time against Mississippi State's 14-ranked passing defense. Though the Bulldogs will put up a decent fight, it will not be enough in Lexington.

Kentucky 31, Mississippi State 20

7. Nebraska at No. 19 Texas (3:30 P.M., ABC)

This Big 12 battle showcases two teams going in completely different directions. Texas has won two conference games in a row, bouncing back from their early conference struggles. Nebraska started off strong, but their season quickly turned sour with three straight losses by a combined 88 points.

Ball management has been imperative for the Longhorns. In losses to Oklahoma and Kansas State, turned the ball over a total of six times. Lucky for the Longhorns, Nebraska is 106 in turnover margin. Texas will win big and put the entire Husker organization further on the hot seat.

Texas 38, Nebraska 13

6. No. 7 West Virginia at Rutgers (12:00 P.M., ABC)

Neither West Virginia nor Rutgers can afford a second conference loss after each obtained an early Big East loss. Rutgers knocked off then-No. 2 South Florida last Thursday, while West Virginia cruised to a victory over Mississippi State.

Pat White and Steve Slaton provide a much bigger rushing threat than South Florida had to offer for Rutgers last week. The Mountaineers have more balance and will be able to win a tough road game.

West Virginia 31, Rutgers 23

5. No. 10 South Florida at No. 23 Connecticut (3:30 P.M., ABC)

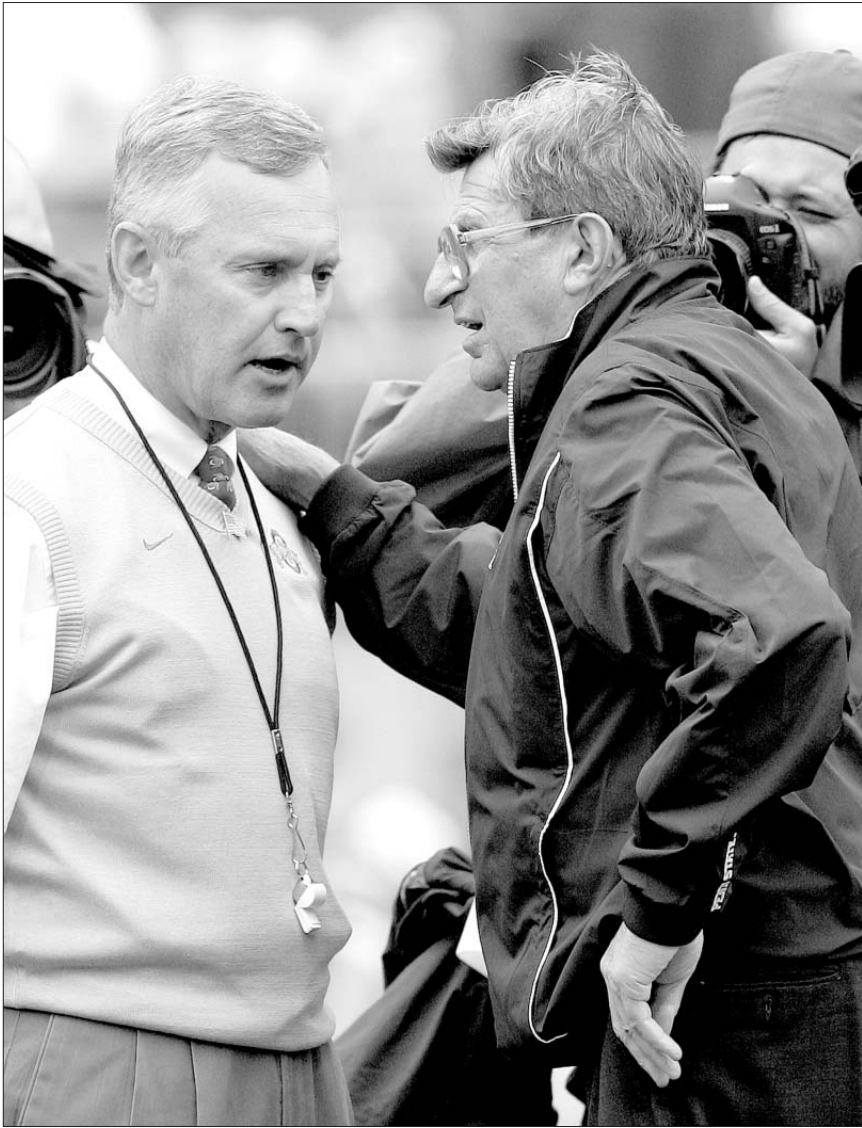
The Bulls had their Cinderella run to the BCS Championship ended by Rutgers last Thursday. They will have to rebound quickly when they take on the leaders of the Big East, the upstart Connecticut Huskies. After beating Louisville, Connecticut is now 2-0 in the conference.

Expect a defensive struggle in this game. Both defenses are ranked in the top 15, and neither offense is very explosive. South Florida defensive lineman George Selvie leads the nation with 11.5 sacks, and will make a big difference in this low-scoring affair.

South Florida 20, Connecticut 15

4. No. 21 California at No. 4 Arizona State (10:00 P.M.)

Arizona State remains



Kiichiro Sato / The Associated Press

Ohio State coach Jim Tressel leads his Buckeye's into Happy Valley to take on Joe Pa and the Nittany Lions in a game for supremacy in the Big 10 conference.

undefeated, but has played only one team with a winning record. Cal was ranked as high as No. 2 this year before being upset by unranked Oregon State and UCLA in consecutive weeks.

Rudy Carpenter has run the Sun Devil offense efficiently, throwing for 1,730 yards and 16 touchdowns this year. Cal quarterback Nate Longshore is starting, but is still recovering from an ankle sprain he suffered two weeks ago. Cal wins because they are more balanced, more experienced and hungry to turn around their bad results.

California 38, Arizona State 34

3. No. 1 Ohio State at No. 25 Penn State (8:00 P.M., ABC)

No. 1 Ohio State travels to Happy Valley to play Penn State Saturday night. The Nittany Lions have three consecutive Big Ten wins. Ohio State survived a scare from Michigan State last week, the first time this year the Buckeyes have been challenged.

Ohio State running back Chris Wells is averaging nearly 6 yards per carry. Much of the game will rely on his ability to run against the Lions' stellar rushing defense that has held opponents to under 80 yards per game. The home crowd of over 100,000 will make the difference in a big upset.

Penn State 27, Ohio State 23

2. No. 12 Southern Cal at No. 5 Oregon (3:00 P.M.)

Oregon and Southern Cal are currently tied for third in the Pac-10, each with one conference loss. Oregon won big last week over Washington, while Southern

Cal turned their poor play around by dominating hapless Notre Dame 38-0 last Saturday.

The game will be a contrast of styles between a high-powered Oregon offense and a stout USC defense. The Ducks are scoring over 46 points per game, but the Trojans are holding opponents to less than 17 points on average. Oregon running back Jonathan Stewart and dual-threat quarterback Dennis Dixon will be too much for the Trojans to handle, and Oregon's BCS Championship hopes will remain alive.

Oregon 34, Southern Cal 24

1. No. 11 Florida at No. 18 Georgia (3:30 P.M., CBS)

The 85 installment of the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party will help narrow down the wild SEC East. Each team is tied for first in the division with 3-2 conference records. Florida has dominated Georgia in recent years, winning 15 of the last 17 games between the teams.

Florida quarterback Tim Tebow has been a consistent Heisman contender this season, leading the nation in passer rating. Georgia coach Mark Richt has had an extra week to prepare his team for the game, but the Bulldogs just do not have the talent to keep up with the Gators. Florida will continue to control the rivalry in a relatively easy win.

Florida 35, Georgia 21



Roy Dabner / The Associated Press

The undefeated Arizona State Sun Devils get their first real test when they face the California Golden Bears this weekend.

Virginia Tech. N.C. State has struggled against quality teams this year and currently sits at a disappointing 0-3 in the ACC.

The key to Virginia's success has been its ability to win close games. Of their seven wins, the Cavaliers have won four of them by two points or fewer. N.C. State will also keep it close, but Virginia will pull it out in the end.

defense.

Kansas 24, Texas A&M 20

8. Mississippi State at No. 14 Kentucky (12:30 P.M.)

Kentucky remains in contention in the SEC East as one of five teams with two losses. Mississippi State has not been the doormat of the conference as in usual years, with a win over Auburn

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5 Questions with Jake Broom

1. Can USC block someone?
I don't usually call out college athletes, because believe it or not I used to be one, and I know how much work gets put into it. But if you're 6-foot-4, over 300 pounds and you can't just keep yourself between somebody else and the quarterback for two or three seconds, you really need to reevaluate your athletic career.

There were plays last weekend where people completely whiffed on blocks. If you can't even manage to touch the guy across from you, do us all a favor and take yourself out of the game before you get somebody hurt.

The good news is the blocking can't get worse. I hope.



JAKE BROOM
Graduate student

2. Which quarterback will step up and take control?
At Florida, Spurrier rotated quarterbacks to see who had the hot hand. At South Carolina, he's just looking for somebody with a pulse.

I don't care if it is Smelley, Mitchell or Beecher, somebody has to step up. Last week, Kenny McKinley threw the best pass of the day, and that shouldn't happen. McKinley was a quarterback in high school, and he might have to become one in college.

3. Why has Chris Culliver disappeared?
I understand that Chris Culliver is not a complete enough wide receiver to play every down, but as one of the few explosive players on USC's roster, he needs to get the ball somehow.

Last year Florida knew Percy Harvin couldn't be a complete wide receiver as a freshman, so they lined him up at

quarterback and running back just to get him some touches. Why can't Chris Culliver do that?

When your line can't block and you only have one receiver that can get open, somebody that actually poses a threat to score has to touch the ball. At this point what does USC have to lose by giving him a few direct snaps? What are they going to do, not score touchdowns? Oh, wait. They haven't scored one in six quarters. Get him the ball.

4. Will Phil Fulmer keep his job if USC wins?
Tennessee is 4-3, with their wins coming against Southern Mississippi, Arkansas State, Georgia and Mississippi State. If it wasn't for the fact that the state of Mississippi is allergic to good college football, old Phil could already be packing up all of his Citrus Bowl trophies and Hardee's coupons to take

to his next job.

At this point, the only people left in Knoxville who still want him around are the area restaurant owners who depend on his late-night binges to survive.

5. Will USC score a touchdown?
The Gamecocks haven't sniffed the endzone in their last 90 minutes and 15 seconds of football. I'm not even sure if they know where the endzones are. Tennessee's offense will put up some points on Carolina's defense, and this game won't be won by kicking a few field goals, it's going to take touchdowns (yes, plural) to get it done.

I believe that USC can score a touchdown. In fact, I've seen them do it, more than once in a single game. Hopefully, the touchdown will make its triumphant return this week.

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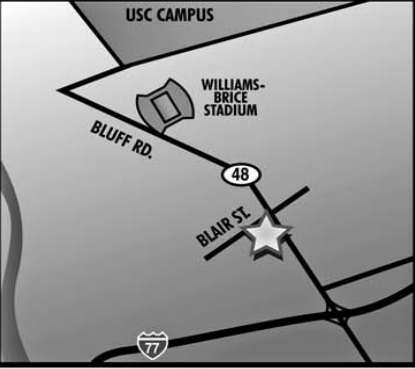
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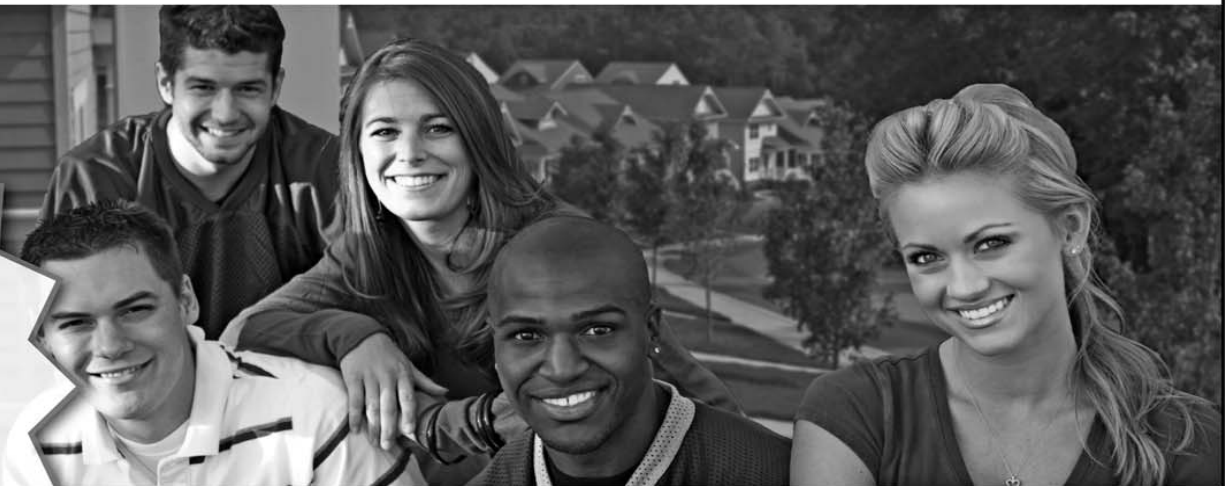
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Still, he is renowned for his blocking abilities. The coaches of the SEC recognized him last year with a second-team All-SEC selection despite only having two receptions on the year. It was the game in which one of those two catches was made that brought Boyd back for his sixth season as a Gamecock.

“Last year at Florida, how close of a game we had, the chances we had, that just lit a spark in me,” Boyd said. “I really just saw the potential we had as a team this year. That opportunity to come back with all the returning players, I think that was the opportunity that I was going for.”

Fortunately for Gamecock fans, Boyd did come back. He is now the role model for two younger players who are trying to mimic the strongest part of Boyd’s game in their own. Boyd is doing his best to impart knowledge that he has as well.

“The biggest thing that they are going to have to continue work on, that comes with time and experience, is really the blocking aspect,” Boyd said. “As far as their route running, Weslye is far ahead of many freshmen and Jared has really progressed moving from receiver to tight end.”

Cook moved to tight end after he redshirted his freshman year. He played a small role in the offense last season but this year he has played a much bigger role. Cook is the second leading receiver on the team behind only Kenny McKinley in receiving yards.

His size and speed are a deadly combination against any defense. Cook ran the fastest 40-yard dash out of any Gamecock in spring football and it shows when

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he is matched up one on one against a linebacker.

Cook also leads the tight ends as they combine to do something that a Spurrier-led team has never done. Spurrier, a coach known for his gun-slinging quarterbacks and speedy wide receivers rarely ever threw the ball to tight ends when he coached at Florida.

In his first season at Florida, tight end Kirk Kirkpatrick had 55 catches. No other tight end has approached that mark. Cook, Saunders and Boyd combine to have 31 catches for over 460 yards.

As much as Boyd and Cook have filled or exceeded their roles and responsibilities, Saunders is shooting past what Gamecock fans would have expected from the true freshman. Saunders is the only true freshman offensive player that has received any notable playing time or influence on the offense.

“I would attribute my playing time to hard work,” Saunders said. “For a lot of other guys, learning the offense is real tough. For tight ends, we didn’t have too much to learn so I got it down and the coaches gave me an opportunity and I

tried to take advantage of it.”

Saunders also realizes that his two older teammates are resources that many true freshmen do not get an opportunity to tap. He has often received advice from Cook and Boyd or watched the two as something to emulate.

“Andy really did help me out with the blocking,” Saunders said. “I don’t think that I could block a lick when I got here. So now a lot of the things that he’s shown me, I’ve taken into consideration and taken advantage of and he’s helped

me a lot. Watching Jared, he used to be a wide receiver, so his route running and stuff like that is something that I also look to for help.”

The most interesting part about these three players is that in spite of how closely they rank when it comes to talent and how they compete constantly for playing time they are close friends. In many other situations similar to this, players become rivals. This has only brought the three closer.

“We’re like brothers,” Cook said. “Weslye is like the youngest, still trying to

pick up on the offense. Andy is like the big brother and I’m like the middle brother, we’re all versatile and we all do things to help out each other and we can help out each other in so many ways.”

If Boyd, Cook and Saunders are three brothers, then SEC defenses are certainly hoping that there is not a fourth brother, because these three are bringing more than most defenses can handle.

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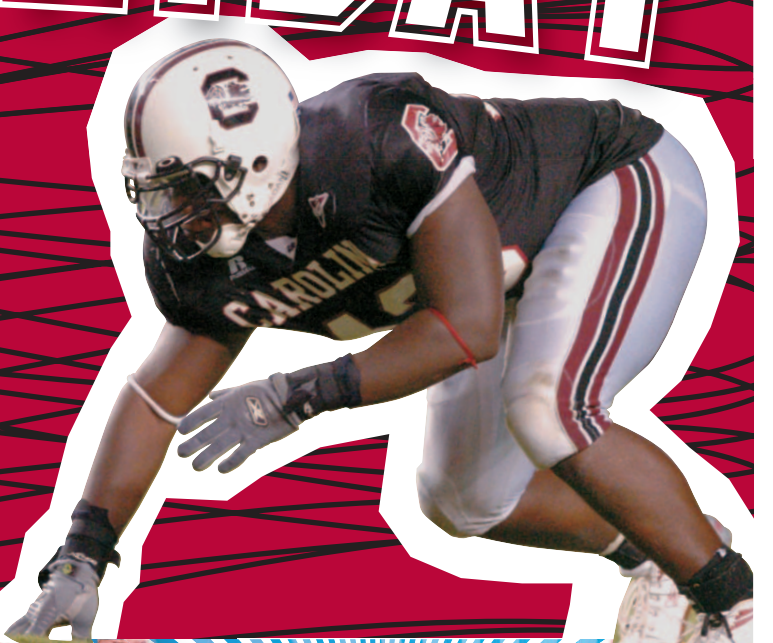
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